(c) if this number is higher, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) As per the reprot by the States/ UTs, the number of persons killed on all roads due to road accident during the year 2004, 2005 and 2006 (the latest available data) is as under:—

Year	Persons killed on all roads
2004	92618
2005	94968
2006	105749(P)

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(c) Road accident and fatalities are caused by a number of factors such as driver's fault, mechanical defects in the vehicles, fault of pedestrains, bad road, bad weather, cattle, fallen trees etc. Other factors that contribute to road accidents are increase in vehicular population, increase in population, heterogenous traffic, modern high speed vehicles, increase in road space, etc.

High accident rate on Andhra Pradesh highways

3345. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in comparison to other States a high rate of road accidents on the highways running through Andhra Pradesh is making travel by road quite unsafe to the people there;

(b) if so, whether any assistance to the State is provided towards the accident prevention steps and also post accident relief;

(c) if so, the details of the measures initiated in the said direction for the last three years and the financial allocation made during the said years; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) As per the report by the State/UTs, the details regarding road accident on national Highways during the years 2004, 2005 and 2006 (the latest available date) for all the States/UTs including Andhra Pradesh are enclosed as Statement (*see* below).

(b) to (d) To check road accidents in the country, this Ministry provides grant-in-aid under two scheme namely 'Two days Refresher training to Heavy Motor Vehicle drivers in the unorganized sector' to impart training to Heavy Motor Vehicle drivers to improve their skills and 'Grant of financial assistance for administering Road Safety Programme' for creating road safety awareness among road users through the Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs). The details of grants-in-aid sanctioned under both the schemes for the State of Andhra Pradesh during the years from 2005-06 to 2007-08 are as under:—

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Year	Two days Refresher training to Heavy Motor Vehicle drivers in the unorganized sector			Grants of financial assistance for administering Road Safety Programme	
	No. of NGOs/Institution whom grants sanctioned	Amount Sanctioned (In Rupees)	No. of drivers	No. of NGOs whom grant sanctioned	Amount Sanctioned (In Rupees)
2005-06	7	86,97,500/-	12250	6	3,75,000/-
2006-07	5	78,10,000/-	11000	8	5,50,000/-
2007-08	5	83,42,500/-	11750	8	8,25,000/-

Provisions of assistance in case of road accident is basically the responsibility of the State Government. However, this Ministry has been providing ambulances and cranes to State/UTs/NGOs to evacuate accident victims to the nearest medical center and clearing the accidents site under National Highways Accident Relief Serivice Scheme. So far, 7 ambulances and 2 cranes been had provided to Andhra Pradesh under this scheme.

Statement

State-wise road accidents on National Highways during the years 2004, 2005 *and* 2006

States/UTs.	2004	2005	2006(P)
1	2	3	4
Andhra Pradesh	12179	9799	10512
Arunachal Pradesh	99	17	72
Assam	2377	2533	1680
Bihar	967	1688	1535
Chhattisgarh	3726	4167	3823
Goa	1395	1254	1119
Gujarat	7480	7846	5567
Haryana	3219	3217	2152
Himachal Pradesh	1076	1178	885
Jammu & Kashmir	2401	2035	1758
Jharkhand	1761	1739	942
Karnataka	11363	13106	10641
Kerala	11102	11585	9425
Madhya Pradesh	8158	5870	9005
Maharashtra	14713	14193	11558
Manipur	250	391	232
Meghalaya	272	244	209
Mizoram	40	43	13
Nagaland	43	90	66

1	2	3	4
Orissa	3639	3305	2393
Punjab	1620	1884	828
Rajasthan	7735	7728	4781
Sikkim	42	41	39
Tamil Nadu	19797	17695	14271
Tripura	279	307	297
Uttaranchal	561	623	290
Uttar Pradesh	6520	9156	3171
West Bengal	5590	6296	2879
A & N Islands	NIL	15	0
Chandigarh	38	67	61
D & N Haveli	NIL	...	0
Daman & Diu	NIL	NIL	0
Delhi	1046	1057	1327
Lakshadweep	NIL	...	0
Pondicherry	777	825	676
TOTAL:	130265	129994	102207

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Death of Indians in Panama ship

†3346. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 25 Indians have been found dead in Panama ship;

(b) the number of days after which this information about missing of the ship has been received; and

(c) the details of the accident and the names of the deceased?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU):

(a) to (c) The Panamanian flag vessel, MV Rezzak, which had a crew of 25 Indian Nationals, sailed from Novorossisk, Russia, on 17th February, 2008 at 0110 GMT. The vessel reportedly relayed her last position to the owners on 17th February, 2008 at 0900 GMT. The vessel was bound for Bartin Limani in Turkey at 0900 hours local time on 18th February, 2008. The Directorate General of Shipping received an information on 19th

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.